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SUBJ: ICAO - ISREAL REQUEST FOR ICAO COUNCIL MEETING RE ORLY
AIRPORT INCIDENT

REF: MONTREAL 0115

1. FOLLOWING IS COMPLETE TEXT OF ISRAEL TELEGRAM TO PRES/
COUNCIL JAN 15 (PROVIDED TO USREP BY ISRAEL CONGEN AND ICAO)
AND TEXT TELEGRAPHIC RESPONSE FROM PRES/COUNCIL TO ISRAEL MIN-
TRANSPORT.

QUOTE

1. PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL, ICAO MONTREAL: SIR, I HAVE TO DRAW
YOUR URGENT ATTENTION TO THE ROCKET ATTACK COMMITTED YESTERDAY
13/1 AT ORLY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WHICH NARROWLY MISSED AN
AIRCRAFT OF EL AL ISRAEL AIRLINES ABOUT TO TAKE OFF. THIS
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GRAVE INCIDENT FOR WHICH ARAB TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS WITH

HEADQUARTERS IN BEIRUT LEBANON HAVE ALREADY CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY CONSTITUTES A MOST SERIOUS THREAT TO THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ENDANGERING THE LIVES OF A LARGE NUMBER OF PASSENGERS OF CREW AND OF OTHER PERSONS PROVIDING AVIATION SERVICES.

2. YOU WILL REMEMBER THAT IN A LETTER DATED 10 SEPTEMBER 1973 ADDRESSED TO THE TWENTIETH (EXTRAORDINARY) SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY AND SUBSEQUENTLY TRANSMITTED TO THE 80TH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL (C-WP/5833) THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL DREW THE ATTENTION OF ICAO TO A SOMEWHAT SIMILAR INCIDENT AT ROME FIUMICINO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WHICH FORTUNATELY WAS FOILED IN TIME.

3. ON THAT OCCASION WE STRESSED THE NEED FOR IMMEDIATE AND EFFECTIVE ACTION BY ICAO IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT MISSILES AND SIMILAR WEAPONS WITH MILITARY CHARACTERISTICS HAD BEEN SUPPLIED TO TERRORIST GROUPS WHO HAD NEVER CONCEALED THEIR INTENTION OF USING THEM AGAINST CIVIL AVIATION. WE ARE MOST DEEPLY CONCERNED IN VIEW OF THIS LATEST ACT WHICH JEOPARDIZES SAFETY AND SECURITY OF INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION AND WHICH CONSTITUTES BUT ONE ADDITIONAL CRIME ON THE LONG AND EVER GROWING LIST OF TERRORIST ACTS COMMITTED AGAINST CIVIL AIR TRANSPORT.

4. I HAVE ASKED THE MANAGEMENT OF EL AL ISRAEL AIRLINES TO PROVIDE ME WITH THE FULLEST INFORMATION ON THIS DASTARDLY ACT. IN THE MEANTIME I URGE ICAO TO UNDERTAKE AN IMMEDIATE REVIEW AND STUDY OF THESE INCIDENTS IN ORDER TO DRAW THE NECESSARY CONCLUSIONS AS FAR AS AVIATION SECURITY IS CONCERNED AND TO INSTITUTE THE NECESSARY MEASURES WHICH COULD AND SHOULD BE TAKEN TO COMBAT THIS MENACE. ACCEPT SIR THE ASSURANCES, ETC...
GAD YAACOBI, MINISTER OF TRANSPORT, GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL UNQUOTE

2. QUOTE: MEMTEUFA BEN GURION AIRPORT (ISRAEL) MR. GAD YAACOBI, MINISTER OF TRANSPORT. REFERENCE YOUR TELEGRAM OF 14 JANUARY SHARE YOUR CONCERN REGARDING ACT COMMITTED AT ORLY AIRPORT. ICAO HAS ESTABLISHED STANDARDS AND RECOMMENDED PRACTICES BY ADOPTION ANNEX 17 IN MARCH 1974 AND SUPPLEMENTED THEM WITH REVISIONS OF SECURITY MANUAL PUBLISHED IN SEPTEMBER 1974. IMPLEMENTATION OF MEASURES CONTAINED THEREIN SHOULD PREVENT ACTS AS OCCURRED AT ORLY AND ICAO ASSEMBLY LAST OCTOBER
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URGED ALL STATES TO FULLY IMPLEMENT THEM. ANNEX 17 AND SECURITY MANUALS ARE ALWAYS OBJECT OF REVIEW BY SECRETARIAT, COMMITTEE ON UNLAWFUL INTERFERENCE AND COUNCIL WITH A VIEW TO MAKING THEM MORE COMPLETE AND EFFECTIVE. REPORTS FROM STATES ON SPECIFIC CASES OF UNLAWFUL INTERFERENCE CONSTITUTE EXTREMELY USEFUL CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS SUCH IMPROVEMENTS. HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.
BINAGHI, PRESIDENT ICAO COUNCIL UNQUOTE.
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